Widening of G.T. Road

†1351. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been a considerable increase in the traffic (vehicles) on National Highway Grand Trunk Raod (G.T. Road);

(b) if so, whether Government are going to widen the G.T. Road keeping in view the increasing traffic there;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any time-limit has been fixed to complete the work pertaining to widening of G.T. Road; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) Portions of G.T. Road from Jalandhar to Kolkata falling on National Highways 1 and 2 are included in National Highway Development Project (NHDP) which envisages four laning of these National Highways. The section from Jalandhar to Agra has already been four laned and the balance sections are targetted to be completed by December, 2003.

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